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The Grandest of All Wars

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When did this war begin? "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven" (Revelation 12:7-8). So, the grandest of all wars started in Heaven and appears to have ceased as Heaven gained the victory by the losing side no longer being in Heaven. But if that were only the case! It actually relocated.

The next question has been answered in a symbolic way regarding who started the war? For the non-symbolic answer, we read, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9). So, Satan began the war.

What did Satan begin the war over? "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken

the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:12-14). One word answer is "coveting".

In Satan causing Adam and Eve to sin, what did Satan actually continue here on earth? "We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments" (Daniel 9:5). Rebellion against God continues the war on earth. Basically, Satan rebelled against God and to do this, he enlisted the use of a third of the angels (Revelation 12:4). Now, he enlists the use of the human race as we continue sinning, a form of rebellion against God. We are basically rebelling against His order of things, specifically the Ten Commandments.

God is not interested in the physical wars being fought as they are mere distractions. In fact, Jesus spoke of these distractions: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these [are] the beginning of sorrows" (Matthew 24:6-8). They are distractions because people have a tendency to look at the physical wars as being equal with the second coming. In fact, most people consider the final war as wiping out the whole human race, and we know that such is not true. Jesus is not coming back to a dead planet. He is coming for the living faithful (1 Thessalonians 4:17) and resurrecting the dead faithful (1 Thessalonians 4:16)!

So, if World War I and II, and possibly even III, are not the real battle, which the human race even calls World War III by the name of

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Armageddon, what is the world really rebelling and working against? "Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7). It is rebellion against God and specifically His commandments.

What is the world gearing up for? "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon" (Revelation 16:16). Now, to figure out this answer, you have to have the King James Version of the Bible or a very similar version.

Modern versions use the word "they". The word "they" is plural and many Christians like to take us to Revelation 16:14, which says, "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." They then equate the final battle to be located near Mount Megiddo, specifically in a valley. This theology comes right from the pits of hell. Thanks to a vision of a lady in England, it started to work the work of darkness in the late 1800s and caught on to where just about every denomination adheres to the future antichrist theology and the nuclear war that will supposedly be triggered by the scuffle in Israel over broken

promises during the seven-year tribulation.

Now the use of the word "He" instead in Revelation 16:16 would then refer to verse 15, which says, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." That is Jesus Christ! He does the gathering into His place called Armageddon.

Where is He gathering us specifically? In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also" (John 14:2-3). "Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17). "I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). "O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city" (Isaiah 52:1). Armageddon is a place known in the Hebrew tongue as Zion or Jerusalem but ultimately the New Jerusalem and not the title of a battle. The battle is over

that place and trying to occupy it, but Armageddon is not a place on earth where a battle will take place.

How is the world gearing up for it? Again, "the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:14). And that deception is happening now. The final move of course will be the worldwide Mark of the Beast enforcement, but that is a different story.

As earth is gearing up to fight against God, Jesus Christ Himself, what is Heaven ready for? "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he

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shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army” (Revelation 19:11-19).

How prepared is God for this war? “The horse [is] prepared against the day of battle: but safety [is] of the LORD” (Proverbs 21:31). “Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?” (Job 38:22-23). “And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, [every stone] about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great” (Revelation 16:21). God has the hail already ready since the time of Job to be used in the seventh plague. His horse is also waiting to be ridden into battle. Heaven is set. All that needs to happen is the four angels to let the winds blow,

but they are being restrained right now (Revelation 7:1-4).

How successful will earth be against God? “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh” (Revelation 19:20-21). “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful” (Revelation 17:14). “Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, [even] them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought” (Isaiah 41:12). They will be no match for Jesus.

Where ought our confidence be? “The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts [is] with us; the God of Jacob [is] our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I [am] God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts [is] with us; the God of Jacob [is] our refuge. Selah” (Psalms 46:6-11). “Who [is] this

King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle” (Psalms 24:8).

What is our role? “This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare” (1 Timothy 1:18).

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Ephesians 6:10-18). We need to be fighting the good warfare and be fully armored spiritually.

In the person of God’s saints, why do the lost war against us? “And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of

Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17). “Here is the patience of the saints: here [are] they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12). Faithfulness to God through His Word and keeping of His Commandments. They do not like that because they rebel against those commandments in one form or another.

When is the war over? “I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days

came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom” (Daniel 7:21-22). “And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and

devoured them” (Revelation 20:8-9). Even at the third coming the battle is not over. There is one last effort to take Zion, Armageddon, the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, but when the wicked and Satan are reduced to ashes, the grandest of all wars will finally be over. This war will have lasted over seven thousand years, since it started before Adam and Eve and continues past the “thousand years” period.



Heavenly Health

Have You Met Sanballat?

If you are doing the Lord's work in any capacity, all the way from the top in ministry, down to just standing firm for truth, you surely have met him at some point.

We are told that as the time of the end draws near for those of us living in the world today, Satan, who worked through Sanballat in Nehemiah's time, will employ many human agents to mock and revile those who “build the wall”, just as he did in Nehemiah's day. Even though we are not building a physical wall around a city, our work is spiritual, and the same rules apply to surviving Satan's attacks. The builders of the wall should exert every ounce of power, physically and mentally, to defeat the purposes of their antagonists, but we should not

allow anything – neither friendship nor sympathy – to call us from our work. This tells us that those who will distract us from our mission are not always obvious enemies, and not wearing black hats so you can easily identify them; no, they are co-workers, neighbors, friends, family, and get this – even members in the church who are not really committed to a changed lifestyle from that of the world – those can be your worst enemies. So, do you think we should be a little more careful about who we hang out with, spend a lot of time with, even on the phone? Why would that be? Remember that “by beholding we become changed”. This means if we are true Christians with a heavenly destination in our future plans that we are daily working

and striving toward, yet we have not crossed over that line from the world's lifestyle into the heavenly lifestyle in preparation of that final journey, we could be in for a rude awakening. Having our names on the church books is not a ticket to heaven; there must be many definite changes made in our lives from the way we used to live, to be in harmony with our new name, Christian. And we must exhibit publicly a new atmosphere about ourselves.

There is an atmosphere surrounding every living, breathing, functioning, human being. **Your thoughts, feelings** – positive and negative, good or bad – emanating from you compose that atmosphere. People in your proximity are affected by

it, one way or the other, just as you are affected by theirs even if you do not realize it. The atmosphere that surrounds Christ actually “forbids evil” to enter His sphere. Are our senses and characters so sharpened and refined by the Word of God that we have that force field surrounding us that would not permit evil to enter? The influence of every man’s thoughts and actions encompasses him literally as a unique environment, which is unconsciously breathed in by all who come in contact with him. Unfortunately, this atmosphere is frequently charged with poisonous influences, and when these are inhaled, moral degeneracy is the sure result. So, we can ascertain from these statements that our atmosphere does not always mesh with that of others, and that is a good thing.

What kind of atmosphere do we suppose was around Nehemiah? There is more than abundant evidence to support the belief that his atmosphere was akin to that of Christ. He refused to be corrupted by the devices of unprincipled men who had been hired to do evil work and he would not allow them to intimidate him. When Nehemiah saw wrong, he did not stand by as an onlooker, giving consent by his silence. The wall of Jerusalem had been broken down and the gates had been destroyed by fire. When he heard the news of this, he sat and wept, mourned and fasted, for days over the condition of his homeland. Then he and a group of people who “had a mind to work” (Nehemiah 4:6), set about to rebuild the wall – remember, Satan is after *our* minds to stop the great work

that we are engaged in, and like Nehemiah, we must say to our adversaries, our Sanballats, we cannot come down (Nehemiah 6:3).

What about the character and atmosphere of Sanballat and his company of evil doers? He used Satan's evil tactics of contempt, derision, sarcasm, envy, impiety, deception of every type, to hinder and attempt to bring a halt to the work of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, all because of corrupt politics and power, much like many situations in the world today. Sanballat hired men who professed to be friends of Nehemiah, in order to trick him into joining their team and to give him evil counsel, as if it were the word of the Lord. The chief one was Shemaiah, previously held in good repute by Nehemiah, like many we still have in our lives today. There can be no doubt about the characters, and the atmosphere surrounding these evil, worldly-minded men.

All of us who claim to be the children of God should take heed to the command, Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing. Association with worldly-minded men and women dims the spiritual perception so we may not be able to discern right from wrong; for that association with unbelievers is in direct disobedience to the plain word of God. In worldly society an earthly influence is at work, an atmosphere of poisonous, infecting substances is there which is disastrous to a godly personal lifestyle or heavenly health. Those who truly love God will not cultivate the society of those who

do not love Jesus and follow His commandments. They will have some realization of their own individual weakness, and they will study prayerfully the word of God, and they will find that Christian society and conversation is food to the soul, that in the society of those who love God, they breathe in the atmosphere of heaven.

So guard your atmosphere, for it will either lead you directly to heavenly health practices, or into the world's medical systems and beyond. In all this work of healthful, righteous living we are to be about, the religion of the Bible and its principles are to be practiced. With many, religious faith and principles are mingled with worldly customs and practices, therefore, pure and undefiled religion is rare today, as is true health. Our physicians need to stop following the world in the matter of making high charges for critical operations, which many times are not even necessary. Often an exorbitant sum is charged for even small services, because physicians are being governed in their charges by the practices of other worldly physicians. Some follow worldly policy in order to accumulate means, while professing to be providing God's service. God's answer to such attitude is, “I hate robbery for burnt offering” (Isaiah 61:8). Those who deal unjustly with their fellowmen while professing to believe My word, I will judge for thus misrepresenting Me. We must learn to recognize the Sanballats among us who are tearing down our spiritual walls.



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Cauliflower and Lentil Curry

Cauliflower and Lentil Curry

- 1 medium head cauliflower, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- ½ tsp paprika powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 tsp salt
- 1½ cups canned diced tomatoes
- 10 cherry tomatoes, halved (optional)
- 1½ cups canned full-fat coconut milk
- 1¼ cups cooked brown lentils
- 2 cups fresh spinach

Curry

- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 Tbsp curry powder
- ½ Tbsp garam masala
- ½ Tbsp ground turmeric
- 1 tsp ground cumin

Directions

1. Line a baking tray and preheat the oven to 400°.
2. Toss the cauliflower with the oil and spices on the baking tray.
3. Roast for 40 - 45 minutes, mixing once halfway.
4. Add the oil to a large pot on medium-high heat.

5. When hot, add the onion and cook until golden. Add splashes of water if needed to deglaze the pot.
6. Then add the garlic and spices.
7. Stir continuously to toast for 30 - 60 seconds.
8. Add the canned tomatoes and cherry tomatoes.
9. Allow to simmer for 5 minutes.
10. Finally, add the coconut milk, lentils, spinach, and roasted cauliflower.
11. Cook until everything is heated through, about 5 minutes.
12. Serve with rice or naan, and enjoy!



The combination of lentils with rice or bulgur is the absolute height of Levantine comfort food. I could eat it every day.

~Yotam Ottolenghi

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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

1 Timothy 6:13-19 contains the expected holy and sanctified life. We will not present every verse, but for Paul to state, "I give thee charge in the sight of God" (verse 13) shows the expectation. "That thou keep [this] commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Timothy 6:14) shows the expected duration and quality of

commitment, which is until the second coming and without spot. "That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate" shows specifically what is expected, which is good works, even from our mouths. And, "that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:19) shows what is at stake. So, how

are your good works? Do you show forth goodness here and there while sinning here and there, or is everything you do without the spot of sin that no one can rebuke you for, while wearing the name Christian?

Hebrews 12:1-2 does reveal how easily sin takes us by stating,

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” However, we are still to lay sin aside because “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:1-2). And take note that Jesus is the Finisher of our faith. Now, “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law” (Romans 3:31). Basically, we have faith in Jesus Who is “is able to keep you from falling” (Jude 1:24). Of our own, we cannot stop sinning, but by the grace of God, by God’s divine power, by connecting with Jesus, “With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26)? So, is Jesus the Finisher of your faith that you are able to lay aside sin, or does sin still have the upper hand in your life?

James 4:17 states, “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth [it] not, to him it is sin.” First, please take note that it does not say, “Unless you are saved.” The actions of anyone who ignores doing the good thing when they know it to be good, are considered sin. And any sin unconfessed is not forgiven for “If we confess our

sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). And remember, “the wages of sin [is] death” (Romans 6:23). So, what good are you neglecting to do, if any?

1 Peter 4:7 states, “But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.” Sober does not mean to avoid just alcohol. We can avoid alcohol and still be drunk. We can be drunk on the other things this world has to offer that diminish our love, our time for heavenly things. Being sober and watching, as Jesus said to His followers, “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak” (Matthew 26:41) is the sanctified life. However, instead of time with God in His Word every day, many Christians spend time getting drunk on binge-watching TV shows and movies. Instead of escaping labor one day a week, many Christians choose to be drunk chasing the mighty dollar. So, how sober are you, and how actively are you watching out for temptations?

1 John 4:7 shows forth the unexpected part of a holy and sanctified life. “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.” And how do we love each other? By Jesus stating that loving God and our neighbor as ourselves hang all of the law (Matthew 22:40); we are to look at the last six

commandments to know how to love one another since we are not naturally born with that love. Further, we have all of 1 Corinthians 13 outlining love between one another, which includes endurance when we do not feel like loving. It includes being kind, but kindness is not the same as love. And love is not the same as just having the feelings, but without feelings, we cannot be motivated to love, either. So, do you have the Bible’s true love or the world’s fake love, also known as sentimentalism?

Revelation 19:11-21 shows the real battle between Heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. It explicitly states that Jesus’ “name is called The Word of God” (Revelation 19:13). Further, “out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword” (Revelation 19:15) and “the remnant were slain with the sword” (Revelation 19:21). Now, couple these things with Hebrews 4:12, which says, “For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” The bottom line is, are you following the Word of God, the holy and sanctified life, or will the Word of God slay you?

In John 10:1-18, Jesus tells a parable in which He is the door and we are His sheep. The thieves use other ways to get to the sheep, but the sheep do not adhere to the voice of these thieves as they recognize only

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Jesus' voice instead. With that said, there are key words in the parable that refer to the holy and sanctified life that we want to point out. Christians are to "hear his voice" (John 10:3), which means also to obey it, for those that do not understand what "hear" really means. Christians are also to be "led" (John 10:4) of Jesus. Christians "follow" (John 10:4) as well. So, how are you doing on listening to God's Word, being led by it, and following it?

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 states, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain." To receive the gospel is to take a stance and only in keeping that stance shall a person remain in a saved state, else their initial belief will be in vain. What is that stance? Ephesians 6:14-18 answers it declaring it to be much more than just believing in Jesus and what He has done, for it is the holy and sanctified life: "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto

with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” So, how is your stance on truth, practicing righteousness, being peaceable, expressing full faith, holding onto salvation, habitual study and practice of the Word, regular prayer life, constantly watching out for temptation, and perseveringly holding onto a good Christian character?

1 Timothy 6:20-21 may be directed to Timothy, but it is applicable to everyone: “O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace [be] with thee. Amen.” But instead of avoiding science falsely so called, Christianity has embraced it and Christianized it. There is a version of creation that incorporates evolution that seems to be popularly believed. While thinking they have turned Genesis 1 into an allegory, representing eons of time to fit with the evolution story, they destroy the many other references in the Bible that site the creation story, including Jesus’ own references,

and especially the fourth commandment that patterns the command to labor six days and rest the Sabbath day after God’s exemplified work week. It is hard to labor six eons of time and rest the seventh eon. By avoiding these false sciences along with keeping the doctrines and avoiding just flapping the gums, being vain conversations, all make up the holy and sanctified expectation that is placed upon a born-again Christian. So, are you one of those who compromises the Word of God to fit today’s science, or do you use the Bible as the standard to determine if the science is true or false?

James 5:9 states, “Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.” In verse 7, James referred to the people as brethren, which reveals that if one holds grudges, salvation is lost. Releasing those grudges to God is part of living the holy and sanctified life, which is to be exercised every day, revealing that salvation is able to be lost if we become lax in our ways. So, do

you have any grudges against anyone?

John 10:27-29 states, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand.” This is clear in revealing the holy and sanctified life, yet so many Christians do not see it. No Christian can claim to be saved by using John 10:28-29, without using John 10:27. The word “follow” means obedience. We will obey all that Jesus commands, and then, and only then, can no man touch us. John 10:27 ends with a colon that connects it to John 10:28-29. So, if we stop following Jesus and do our own thing instead, even if we claim to be eternally saved, we are not. To hear His voice is equal to reading His Word today, as we do not have Jesus walking and talking among us now face to face. Now, do you follow, obey, do as commanded from Jesus, or not?



Questions & Answers

Question: Did Eve get what the devil promised?

Answer: So, the devil stated, “For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil” (Genesis

3:5). The key part of the promise is to be like gods, but not like the way it was expected, or even practiced throughout human history. Humans have longed to be worshipped and treated as being all powerful, despite being finite.

But, Genesis 3:22 does state, “And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil.” God knows good and evil because He witnessed it with the rebellion of Satan (Isaiah 14:12-14, Revelation 12:7) and being all knowing. The

human race knows about good and evil through experience. In either case, it is the knowledge of it that answers the question. Eve, indeed, received what the devil promised. Unfortunately, it came with serious consequences to know evil by experience.

Question: Did God foretell of the Muslim world?

Answer: Genesis 16:11-12 reveals the future of Ishmael: "And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou [art] with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand [will be] against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

It is said in general, that the Muslim world is a bit wild, even in the way it conducts warfare. It is not traditionally fought. For that matter, neither was the Vietnam war, but that is a different story. Their goal, generally speaking, is to convert the world to their religion with permission to take life if refused the offer. Basically, it is "convert or die". That has prompted every nation to look down upon them, and even fight back against Muslims.

The dwelling in the presence of all his brethren, could be a reference that Muslims, indeed, dwell in every nation today. It is not always a good dwelling, as many are reserved against them, but nonetheless, overall and generally speaking, yes, Genesis 16:11-12 is a prophecy of sorts regarding the Muslim world.

Question: Why did God not respect Cain's offering?

Answer: Genesis 4:3-5 states, "And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." At a quick glance, it appears that God was being arbitrary.

Nowhere in prior verses does it say how Cain was to present an offering. It is only assumed by the example of God providing skins for Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21) that such a sacrifice existed.

It takes holy insight to see that it is there, at least somewhere in the Bible, though not explicitly stated. Those with a carnal mind cannot see it.

Regarding the issue with Cain's sacrifice, explicitly, Hebrews 9:22 sheds light on the situation: "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." Cain's offering lacked blood. Therefore, all Cain was doing was offering praise to God, but God also says, "The sacrifice of the wicked [is] an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright [is] his delight" (Proverbs 15:8). "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer [shall be] abomination" (Proverbs 28:9). The sacrifices of Cain would only be acceptable if he acknowledged his sins. As long as he was not confessing his sins

by the shedding of blood, there was no forgiveness. Hence, God did not regard Cain's praise service.

Question: Was God Seen Face to Face or Not?

Answer: Genesis 32:30 says, "And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." On the other hand, John 1:18 states, "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him]."

At quick glance, especially when one focuses only on the words, "No man hath seen God at any time", to the neglect of the rest of John 1:18, it becomes easy to conclude that there is a contradiction in the Bible. If one were to read the rest of the verse, the Bible explains Who Jacob really saw.

With that said, we are about to destroy a bigger myth among Christians than simply these two verses, but if it is not destroyed, then the Bible would actually contradict itself.

The false teaching is that God the Father is the God of the Old Testament, then there was Jesus, and now we have the Holy Spirit, as if God takes on different forms of Himself, which is known as the trinity, a subject that requires a whole lot more to explain than what we want to address here, but overall, all of that is a lie, even a false god, or gods.

On the true aspect, when Jesus walked the earth in bodily form for thirty-three and a half years,

He stated, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58). At that moment, Jesus declared that He was the God of the Old Testament. The name “I AM” is a name referenced to God in this case, when Abraham spoke to God; however, it was not God the Father that Abraham spoke to, but the Son of God, the Messiah to come, also being God. Therefore, passing over Isaac and jumping to Jacob, it was not God the Father who wrestled with Jacob, and Jacob declaring that he saw God face to face, but it was actually Jesus. Of course, Jacob, as well as Abraham, only recognized this being as God, not the Son of God. They correctly knew that the being they were conversing with was more than a human, more than an angel.

This is further confirmed by Jesus because of what Jesus connected Himself with Jacob over. Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven

open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man” (John 1:51), connecting with Genesis 28:12, which says, “And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.”

Now, when Adam and Eve sinned, we were cut off from the Father. Sin separates. The only communication we have with the Father right now is only through an Intercessor, the Son of God, “For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

So, when it is declared, “No man hath seen God at any time” (John 1:18), it is understood that “No man hath seen God the Father at any time” because the rest of the verse confirms our statement by telling us that “the only begotten

Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him].” The only begotten Son, the Son of God, Jesus, declares the Father, and not only did He declare the Father during those thirty-three and a half years, but He also declared the Father to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as well, along with everyone else in the Old Testament, especially Moses.

If one does not believe this understanding and wants to believe that God the Father is the God of the Old Testament, then John 1:18 is a lie. We cannot have it both ways. It has to be that Jesus stepped in as our Mediator right from the beginning when Adam and Eve sinned or the Bible falls apart.

So, no one, indeed, has seen God the Father face to face, and that Jacob saw the Son of God face to face is the conclusion.



Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)

Be Not Deceived

1. What are we to do to prevent being deceived? **Matthew 24:4**
2. What will some claim to be that will deceive many? **Matthew 24:5**
3. What other version of the word, or name, could be used? **Acts 26:28**
4. What is one category of deceivers? **Matthew 24:11**
5. What group, if it were possible, could be deceived, showing that being on guard always is important? **Matthew 24:24**
6. What is another category of deceivers? **Middle of 2 Peter 2:1**

7. What shall be a primary tool of these deceivers? **Mark 13:22**

8. How are we to determine if they are of God? **1 John 4:1**

9. What should our attitude be towards those that claim to prophesy? **1 Thessalonians 5:20**

10. How do we test for the true ones? **Isaiah 8:20**

3. What happened to Moses that caused him to drop the mantle? **Deuteronomy 34:5-7 died**

4. Who took up the mantle after Moses? **Joshua 1:1-2 Joshua**

5. What happened to Elijah that caused him to drop the mantle, literally? **2 Kings 2:11-13 went up by a whirlwind into heaven**

6. What event occurred, confirming that Elisha, indeed, was to take up the mantle and continue the work of God? **2 Kings 2:14 smitten the waters,**

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Who Took Up the Mantle When It Was Dropped?

1. What happened to Abel that caused him to drop the mantle, the responsibilities? **Genesis 4:8 slew [was slain]**
2. Who took up the mantle, by continuing the godly line? **Genesis 4:25-26 Seth**

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7. What happened to the apostle Paul that caused him to drop the mantle? **2 Timothy 4:6-8 offered, departure**

8. Who appears to have been one of the people to take up Paul's mantle? **2 Timothy 1:6-14 Timothy**

9. What is the status of all the prophets that prophesied of the second coming, dropping

the mantle? **John 8:53 dead**

10. Who is expected to pick up the mantle today? **Acts 1:8 ye [we are]**



News and Comments

June 3

NY Post

Is this the end of the world? How a galactic pile-up could bring Earth's violent finish: Cosmic 'coin flip'

In this week's episode of how science has found a way that we are all going to die, again, they lack the knowledge of the Bible, therefore, all of this is "oppositions of science falsely so called" (1 Timothy 6:20). First of all, Jesus is coming back sooner than ten billion years from now. Secondly, why would science try to create panic when this is only a 50/50 chance, and if time were to last, none of us will be around anyway. Thirdly, have you ever heard a report from science that the stars are twinkling as they should, sun is shining as it should, the planets are orbiting just as expected? No, of course not. It is always doom and gloom. Thank

God Christianity is more positive than science.

June 11

Fox News

Your favorite alcoholic beverage could be linked to deadly form of cancer, study finds

"Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

June 7

Futurism

Scientists Calculate That the Entire Big Bang Must Have Taken Place Inside a Black Hole

Well, science is a little closer, but not much. Instead of a black hole, Genesis 1:2 says, "the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of

the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." So, darkness was involved but not how science describes. And then bang! "God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).

June 10

Telegraph

Big Bang theory is wrong, claim scientists

Finally. Scientists have confirmed that the Big Bang Theory is wrong, although what they suggest is wrong, too, but science has always contradicted itself. If people would only trust the Word of God, for "Thy word [is] true [from] the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments [endureth] for ever" (Psalms 119:160).



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